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SUBJ: PDEV, SA, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEETING SAG
 CONCERN ABOUT FINAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL

FOR MAYNES, MOOSE, AND HANSELL FROM THE SECRETARY

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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1. DURING SEPARATE MEETING WITH BOTHA MENTIONED REFTTEL,
IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THE REALLY CRITICAL ISSUE FOR SOUTH
AFRICA IS THAT THE CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL WOULD NOT
APPARENTLY ALLOW A POPULARLY-ELECTED CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
TO REVERSE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS
LEAVE THE TERRITORY ONE WEEK AFTER CERTIFICATION OF THE
ELECTION. WHILE BOTHA DID NOT GO SO FAR AS TO SAY HE
WOULD DROP OTHER ISSUES IF THAT ONE WERE RESOLVED, AND
HE MADE CLEAR HE COULD NOT COMMIT SAG TO ACCEPT THE PRO-
POSALS IN ADVANCE, HE SAID HE COULD SUPPORT IT PERSONALLY
WITHIN GOVERNMENT COUNCILS IF WE COULD FIND SOME WAY OF
DEALING WITH THE ISSUE SUCH AS MAKING A CLARIFYING STATEMENT
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WHEN THE PROPOSAL IS CONSIDERED AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. WHILE OWEN AND I MADE NO COMMITMENT TO BOTHA, WE
DECIDED WE SHOULD INFORM GUIRINGUAD, GENSCHER, AND JAMIE-
SON OF OUR CONVERSATION AND SUGGEST A POSSIBLE STATEMENT
WE MIGHT ASK NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP TO CONSIDER AT
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

3. DRAFT WORKED OUT BY GRAHAM AND STEELE WITH MODIFICATIONS FROM OUR SIDE WOULD READ ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
BEGIN QUOTE: THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS IN PRESENTING THESE PROPOSALS HAVE ENDEAVORED TO REACH A PRACTICAL SOLUTION WHICH WAS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS OF THE PARTIES AS TO THE LEGAL POSITION AND WOULD GIVE EFFECT TO RESOLUTION NO. 385. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT ONCE THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DULY ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA HAS BEEN CONSTITUTED, IT WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS BY RESOLUTION, OR IN ANY OTHER WAY, ON ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE PROPOSALS. SUCH VIEWS WOULD BE RESPECTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WOULD NOT AUTHORIZE ANYTHING TO BE DONE WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE OR TEND TO PREJUDICE THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF THE TERRITORY IN ADVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE.
END QUOTE.

4. IN ORDER TO LET OWEN KNOW WHILE I AM IN LONDON WHETHER WE CAN SUPPORT THIS STATEMENT, I WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ANALYSIS BY L AND IO AS TO WHETHER THIS FORMULATION WOULD CREATE ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS FOR US. WE APPRECIATE PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE SWAPO REACTION TO STATEMENT BUT BELIEVE BALANCED STATEMENT SHOULD BE AS MANAGEABLE WITH SWAPO AS OUR PROPOSED STATEMENT ON WALVIS BAY WILL BE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.
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